

BLACK INTERIOR DESIGNER SHOWCASE (BIDS)

Our Mission:

Black Interior Designer Showcase (BIDS) website officially launched September 10, 2007. Its goal is to become a "visible" platform to expose and introduce, to disadvantaged youth, the fields of interior design and architecture. In late 2007, BIDS was proud to be designated a field agent and team member of Bill Cosby's grass-root initiative and book, "Come On People."

The response to our efforts has been tremendous and we're thrilled to co-partner educational forums at this year's **American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) Interiors '08** Conference. ASID is the largest membership of interior designers in the world and by asking for our participation, they are proactively supporting our goals. We are honored to be included in this year's educational sessions. BIDS is also a member of the Planning Committee for the 2008 NOMA (National Organization of Minority Architects) Conference scheduled this October in Washington, DC.

Here are SHOCKING facts many African-Americans are unaware of:

- There are less than **2,000** black licensed architects out of 120,000 in the U.S.
- There are less than **1,700** black interior designers in 40,000+ (ASID) listed.

Our Goal:

BIDS designers are interested in giving back by mentoring and participating in the "**BIDS Youth Initiative.**" Our goal in 2008-2009 is to prepare the way for this endeavor and join forces with various organizations. To jumpstart this important initiative, we seek alliances with historical black colleges and universities; diverse corporate businesses; affiliated industry professionals and community organizers.

Visit our website to join the BIDS Youth Initiative: www.blackinteriordesigners.com

Our Concern:

Black interior designers and architects are invisible in our communities and children must SEE real life examples to know these careers are available to them. Interior design and architecture are two of the fastest growing creative fields in the U.S. and there's an obvious VOID of African-American and Hispanic talent!

About BIDS:

Black Interior Designer Showcase (BIDS) is the only website dedicated to featuring black residential and commercial interior designers. In January 2008, the online **Project Referral Service** and **Student Forum** launched as our membership increased. By early 2009, BIDS will re-launch its main site with specialized content for networking; business development; community service and mentoring opportunities.

We are actively seeking website sponsors, partners and advertisers for numerous events. Please contact us for specific information.

Sincerely,

The BIDS Team!

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